LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A non-asbestos friction material comprising:

a fibrous reinforcement;

a friction modifier;

a binder; and

a soluble amorphous substance mixed as friction material components, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is a composition composed of SiO_2 as a principal component, 18 to 40 wt% of at least one of CaO and MgO, at least 0.1 wt% but less than 10 wt% of at least one of Al_2O_3 and ZrO_2, and less than 2 wt% of at least one of Na_2O, K_2O, FeO, Fe_2O_3, and wherein the soluble amorphous substance is formed of fibers having an average fiber diameter in a range of from 2 μm to 9 μm and an average fiber length in a range of from 100 μm to 1,500 μm.

2. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is mixed in a range of from 1 wt% to 30 wt% of a total of said friction material.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A non-asbestos friction material comprising:

a fibrous reinforcement;

a friction modifier;

a binder; and

a soluble amorphous substance mixed as friction material components, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is a composition composed of SiO_2 as a principal component, 18 to 40 wt% of at least one of CaO and MgO, at least 0.1 wt% but less than 10 wt% of at least one of Al_2O_3 and ZrO_2, and less than 2 wt% of at least one of Na_2O, K_2O, FeO, Fe_2O_3, and wherein the soluble amorphous substance is formed of grains having an average grain size in a range of from 2 μm to 100 μm.

7. (Previously Presented) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 6, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is mixed in a range of from 1 wt% to 30 wt% of a total of said friction material.